

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Hiroyuki TAGUCHI

Application No.: 10/689,710

Filed: October 22, 2003

For: CONNECTOR

Attorney Docket No.: SHO-0018

Examiner: L. Z. Tsukerman

Art Unit: 2833

Confirmation No.: 4644

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

**I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated August 24, 2004, the period for response being extended to December 24, 2004, by the Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Claims 1-3, 5-10, 13, 15 and 17-24 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 4, 11, 12, 14 and 16 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 1, 5, 6, 9, 13 and 15 are amended and claims 21-24 are added.

Applicant expresses his appreciation for the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claim 6.

**II. AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

(There are no amendments to the drawings)